



# Long Term Care NEWSLETTER

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*State Health Commissioner  
Judy Monroe, M.D. writes  
monthly prescriptions for  
Indiana that address  
important health issues.*

## **August 2008: Asthma**

- **Take control of asthma.**
- **Take your medicines.**
- **Avoid your triggers.**

## **CMS Update on F325 and F371**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released its CMS Manual System State Operations Provider Transmittal 36. The Transmittal announces the revisions to Appendix PP for tags F325 (nutrition) and F371 (food sanitation). The revisions include the deletion of F326 (therapeutic diets) and F370 (approved food source) and their incorporation into their respective tags. The Transmittal has an effective and implementation date of September 1, 2008.

[Transmittal 36](#) is attached. Note that the document is 58 pages in length.



## **Technical Assistance Webinar**

**Staff Stability -  
Learn to manage your resources and  
improve staff retention!  
September 25, 2008  
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

## **Topic**

Staff Stability – A How-To Webinar that describes the many variables that affect staff recruitment, retention and attendance. Learn a variety of interventions and best management practices to help you manage your staff to improve care to your residents!

## **Faculty**

Barbara Frank, David Farrell, Scott West, Steve Levenson, Doug Motter, Marguerite McLaughlin and others!

## **When**

Thursday, September 25th, 2008, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time (Call-in begins at 1:45 p.m. E.T.)

## **Who**

Directors of Nursing, Human Resource Staff, Administrators.

## **Where**

Bring a cup of coffee or soda to your nursing home's conference room. You can use a telephone line and follow along with handouts, or you can follow along on your computer.

## **Registration**

Go to <http://www.directeventreg.com/registration/event/59248147> by September 23rd, 2008 to register for the teleconference. You may also call (888) 869-1189 and tell the operator that you want to register for Conference ID #59248147. After you register, you will receive three separate numbers that you will need to access the call. These include the call-in number, the direct event pass code for the conference and your registration ID. *Please keep these in a safe place until the day of the teleconference!*

## **Handouts**

The Power Point presentation will be posted on [www.nhqualitycampaign.org](http://www.nhqualitycampaign.org) by September 15th, 2008. You will be able to download the presentation and follow along with the speakers. There will also be other information to download and read on Staff Stability that you may find helpful.

## **On the Day of the Teleconference**

On the day of the teleconference, starting at 1:45 p.m. Eastern Time, call the number given to you when you registered and enter the direct event pass code and your registration ID. You will be connected to the conference. To view the Power Point Presentation online, go to <http://www.idtconnect.com/dataconb.asp>, sign-in as a participant with the Conference ID (2025089407), and enter your name.

***CEUs are not available for this webinar.***

Please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at your LANE for additional information.

**National Immunization Awareness Month**

***August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)!***

The goal of NIAM is to increase awareness about immunizations across the life span, from infants to the elderly. Getting immunized is a lifelong effort regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic background or country of origin. As parents prepare their children for school, students enter college and healthcare workers prepare for the upcoming flu season, the month of August and NIAM present an excellent opportunity to remind individuals that they can help protect themselves, their families, friends and their communities from serious, life-threatening infections by staying up-to-date with their immunizations.

Medicare helps beneficiaries with the cost of adult immunizations by providing coverage for pneumococcal, influenza and hepatitis B vaccines. Medicare covers the cost of pneumococcal and influenza vaccines and their administration by recognized providers. No beneficiary co-insurance or co-payment applies and a beneficiary does not have to meet his or her deductible to receive an influenza or pneumococcal immunization. Medicare also covers hepatitis B vaccination for persons at high or intermediate risk. The coinsurance or co-payment applies for hepatitis B vaccination after the yearly deductible has been met.

### **How Can You Help?**

As a health care professional, you play an important role in helping your Medicare patients and others understand the importance of disease prevention through immunizations. Your recommendation is one the most important factors in increasing immunization rates among people with Medicare. Be aware of the recommended vaccines for adults of all ages and particularly seniors. Encourage your Medicare patients to stay up-to-date on recommended vaccines including those adult immunizations covered by Medicare (an annual influenza vaccination, a pneumococcal vaccination and the hepatitis B vaccination (for beneficiaries at high to intermediate risk)) by encouraging utilization of these benefits as appropriate.

### **For More Information**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed a variety of provider education and outreach resources to help providers and suppliers to learn more about Medicare's coverage, coding, billing and reimbursement of influenza, pneumococcal, and hepatitis B immunizations. Resources include:

- The Guide to Preventive Services for Providers, Physicians, Suppliers and Other Health Care Professionals
    - [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps\\_guide\\_web-061305.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf)
  - Quick Reference Information: Medicare Part B Immunization Billing Chart
    - [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/qr\\_immun\\_bill.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/qr_immun_bill.pdf)
  - Adult Immunizations Brochure
    - [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Adult\\_Immunization.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Adult_Immunization.pdf)
  - The MLN Preventive Services Educational Products Web Page
    - [www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35\\_PreventiveServices.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp#TopOfPage)
- For information to share with your Medicare patients, please visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) on the Web.
- To learn more about National Immunization Awareness Month, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/default.htm#add> on the Web.

Thank you for supporting the effort to increase awareness and promote utilization of vaccines that can prevent infectious disease and save lives.

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That is all for this week. Best wishes for the upcoming week.

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